<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> of video image processing, comprising <u>the steps of:</u>

<u>   </u>receiving a video signal ~~(5,6)~~ carrying input information representing moving images occupying an area ~~(12)~~ of <u>a</u> display~~,~~<u>;</u> <u>and</u>

<u>   </u>processing the received input information and generating an output video signal ~~(10,11)~~ carrying output information representing moving images occupying the area ~~(12)~~ of display, ~~characterised by,~~<u>wherein said method further comprises the steps of:</u>

<u>   </u>re-scaling a section of the moving images represented by the input information occupying a selected section ~~(17,18)~~ of the area ~~(12)~~ of display independently of parts ~~(14)~~ of the moving images occupying the remainder of the area ~~(12)~~ of display<u>;</u>

<u>   including in the output information as much of the information representing the re-scaled section of the moving images, represented by the input signal, as represents a largest part of the re-scaled section of the moving image that would fit substantially within the selected section of the area of display; and</u>

<u>   automatically re-scaling the selected section over a number of consecutive frames in a series of moving image frames by</u>

operating directly on information representing the series of moving image frames carried by the input video signal.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method according to~~The method as claimed in claim 2, ~~comprising~~wherein said method further comprises the step of:

generating the output information in such a way that the represented largest part is positioned over the selected section ~~(17, 18)~~ of the area ~~(12)~~ of display.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Method according to~~The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~comprising analysing~~wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

analyzing the input information for the presence of pre-defined image elements ~~(16)~~; and

defining the selected section ~~(17)~~ to encompass at least some of the image elements ~~(16)~~ found to be present.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method according to~~The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the pre-defined image elements ~~(16)~~ comprise text~~, e.g. closed-caption text~~.

6.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Method according to~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the received video signal ~~(6)~~ is a component video signal.

7.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Video~~ A video image processing system, specially adapted for carrying out ~~a method according to~~ the method as claimed in claim 1.

8.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Display~~ A display device, ~~e.g. a television set (4),~~ specially adapted for carrying out ~~a~~ the method ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1.

9.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Computer~~ A computer-readable medium embodying a computer program product, comprising ~~means~~ instructions which, when run on a programmable data processing device ~~(2)~~, ~~of enabling~~ enable the programmable data processing device ~~(2)~~ to carry out ~~a~~ the method ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1.